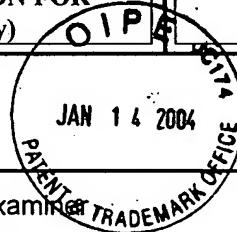


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Docket No.

A-7709

In Re Application Of: GEORGE M. HALOW & LOUIS E. ZUNIGA



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Serial No.
10/042,236

Filing Date
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3626

Invention:

MEDICAL BILLING SYSTEM TO PREVENT FRAUD

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined Notice of Appeal from the Primary Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of
08/15/2003 in the above-identified application.

Applicant(s) hereby appeal(s) to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated 12/10/2003 finally rejecting Claim(s) 1, 2, 4-15 and 17-21.

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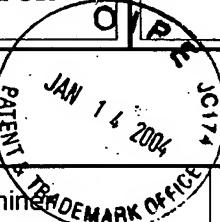
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